GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Tirupati District – Detention of Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1423 Dated: 20-11-2025

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. Letter received from the Superintendent of Police, Tirupathi District, C.No. 66-D8/NDPS/TPT/2025, Dt.16.08.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Superintendent of Police, Tirupati District has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, Srikalahasti II town has placed before the Superintendent of Police, Tirupati District and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh (herein after referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

2. He is a he is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of peddling cannabis (Ganja) in the areas of Srikalahasti II Town. Despite cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of Srikalahasti town. Further it is to be noted that the proposed detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Paipoori Venugopal, along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in “illicit traffic” under Sec. 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Two (02) cases were registered against Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh state in Srikalahasti II Town PS of Tirupati District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act 1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. The cases under NDPS Act were registered against him as follows:

S. No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Quantity of Ganja Seized	Stage of the Case
(1)	Cr.No. 39/2023 u/s 20(b)(ii)(c) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 of Srikalahasti II town PS,	1 KG	Pending Trail
(2)	Cr.No.88/2023 u/s 20 (b) (ii)(B) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985of Srikalahasti II town PS,	1 KG	Pending Trail

5. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:-

1. Cr.No.39/2023 u/s 20(b)(ii)(C) NDPS Act of Srikalahasti II town P.S., Tirupati District:-

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of Ganja (Narcotic Drugs) that Occurred on 03.04.2023 at about 11.00 hours, near Rama Chandra Mission open place, on Srikalahasti–B.N, Kandriga road, Chilakavari kandriga village, Thottambedu Mandal, and reported in the PS on the same day at 06.30 PM, wherein the accused A-1 K. Nagendra and 19 others were arrested while they were in possession and transportation of Ganja (Narcotic Drugs) of 22 KGs which is considered to be commercial quantity and seized 22 Kgs Ganja and Cash of Rs.13,300/- from the possession of accused A-1 to A-20 under a cover of Panchanama in the presence of Panchayathdars. Subsequently, the sample was sent to the Govt. Chemical Examiner, Chittoor through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA. In this case, Charge Sheet has been filed on 23.01.2024 and it is Pending Trail vide NDPS. SC.No 84/25.

2.Cr.No.88/2023 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) NDPS ACt of Srikalahasti II town P.S. Tirupati District:-

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of Ganja (Narcotic Drugs) that occurred on 14.07.2023 at about 11.45 hours, near KRD petrol bunk, on Tirupati- Naidupet bypass road, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town and reported in the PS on the same day at 02.00 PM, wherein the accused Paipuri Venugopal age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh State, A-2. Kobaka Bala Chengamma, and A-3 Kobaku Sayamma were arrested while they were in possession of Ganja (Narcotic Drugs) of 02 KG's and seized the contraband from their possession and sent to Judicial remand. Case was charged on 23.01.2024 and NDPS SC. No. is awaited.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health.

7. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act 1988).

8. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detenue under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Srikalahasti and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

9. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to

Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms.No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018, do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Nellore/Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

10. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a presentation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

11. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Nellore/Kadapa is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Nellore/Kadapa until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Nellore/ Kadapa.
Copy to:
Sri Paipoori Venugopal, age 45 years, S/o P. Mangaiah, D.No. 14/454/A, V.M. Palli, Srikalahasti town, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh. (Through the Inspector of Police, Srikalahasti II town PS, Tirupati District).
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Superintendent of Police, Tirupati District.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, Srikalahasti II town PS, Tirupati District (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER